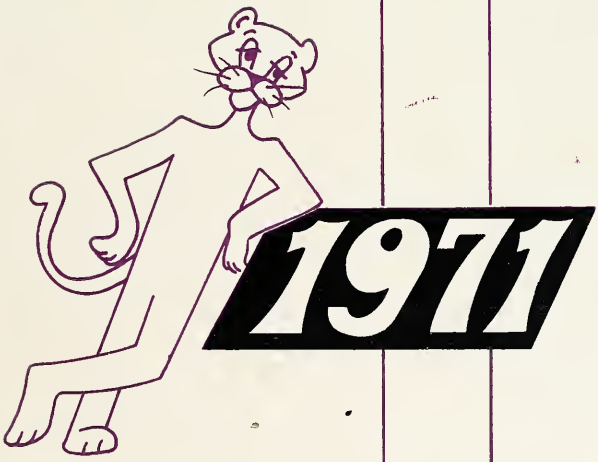
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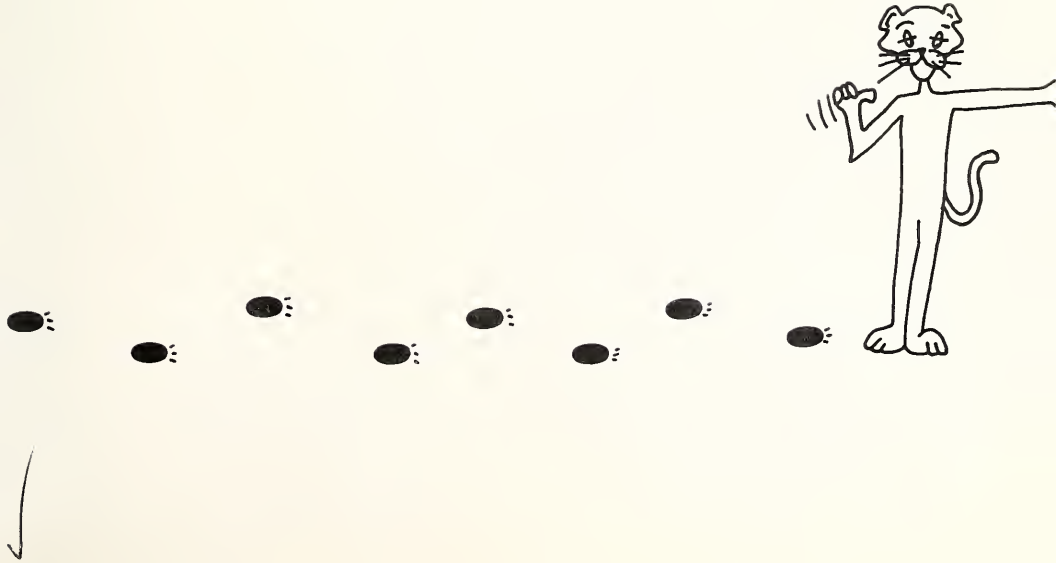

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Valier High School

Senior Class

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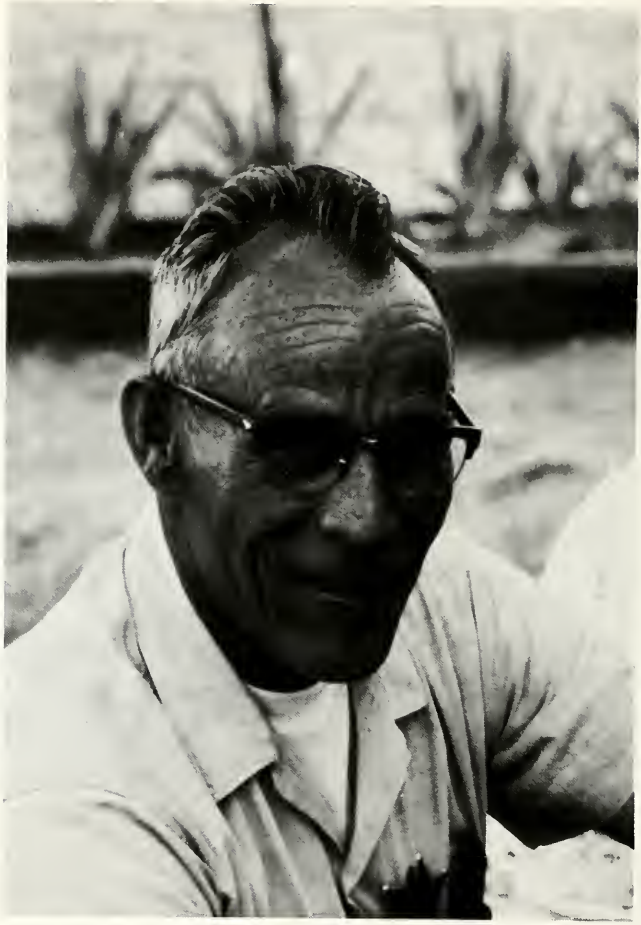
"And so
without the aid of Dick and Jane,
by myself I've come
unadorned and plain
to offer you without condition
a life just past
and just beginning."

by Rod McKuen



Dedication

We, the Senior Class of 1971, would like to dedicate the 1971 Northern Lights Yearbook to Dick Barron as a means of expressing our appreciation and gratitude for all you've put up with and for being more than just a COP to us.

Staff Worked for Best Yearbook Ever

Greg Harwood and Bob Kovatch were chosen as the 1971 Yearbook Co-Editors. Members of this section of the staff were: Helen Stephen, Kathy Widhalm, Randy Geiger, Debbie Wright, and Jody Field. Their job was to lay-out pages, write headlines, and write copy.

The other section of the yearbook staff was made up of Karen Rappold and Jerry Widhalm as Co-Business Managers, with Melody Struss, Roger Culleton, Sheila Allen, Rick Geiger, Trudy Hall, Joe Stark, Melodee Johnson, Marie Adamson, Susan Struss, and Gary Hammer as members. This group worked on the financial part of the yearbook. They sold advertising and yearbook subscriptions.

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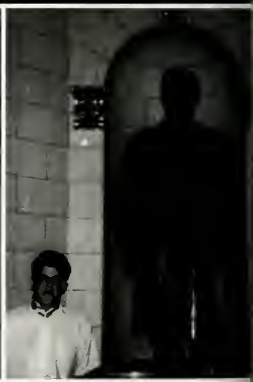

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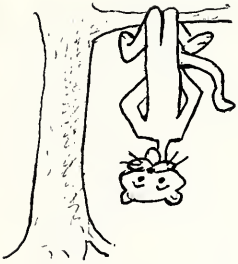

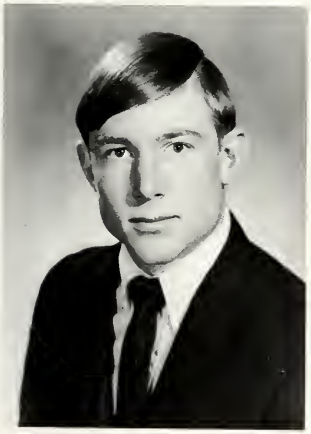

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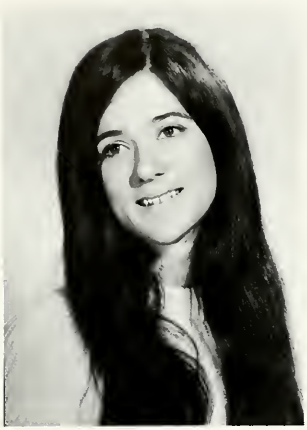

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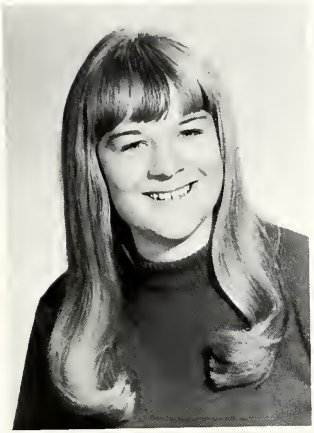

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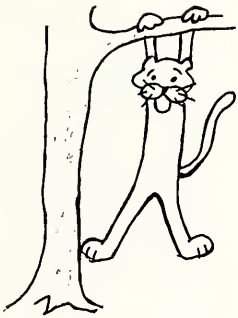

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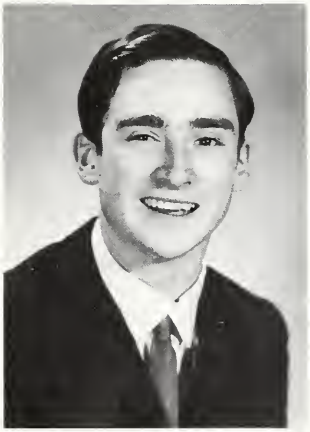

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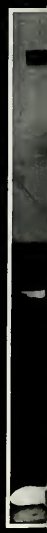

SPORTS

SITTING: Left to Right. Curt Aaberge, Jack Johnson, Doug VandenBos, Clint McAlpine, Mike Hayes, Robert DeBoo, Mike Pepion, Randy Aiken, Maurie Rideout Mgr. KNEELING: Kenny Kovatch, Jim Adamson, Randy Rideout, Doug Powers, Bob Kovatch, Steve Goff, Dave Kovatch, Ben Taylor, Guy Bradley, Len VandenBos, Rick VanDeKop. STANDING: Rick Geiger, Randy Geiger, Joe Stark, Roger Culleton, Dick Wenzel, Gary Casey, Jody Field, Gary Arnst.

Panthers Played With Pride

Everyone looked toward the football season with anticipation. It looked like a good year for the Panthers whose spirit was high and who were working hard. As usual you can't win them all and the Panthers lived by the slogan "Winning is never final and losing is never fatal." The Panthers started the season with a conference record of two wins and two losses. After being defeated by the Harlem Wildcats the Panthers didn't have a chance at the title but were going to have a say as to who would finally get it. With two games left and a great deal of determination and desire the Panthers got back up to defeat the conference leading Eagles and the Big Sandy Pioneers, thus ending a successful season studded with victories and plagued by defeats but worthy of pride.

Statistics

Conrad	35	Valier	6
Chester	6	Valier	22
Cascade	3	Valier	0
Simms	14	Valier	26
Sunburst	8	Valier	6
Harlem	32	Valier	6
Fairfield	3	Valier	8
Big Sandy	6	Valier	22

COACHES: Mr. Knueppel, Mr. VanGorden, and Mr. Shulund

Kathy Widhalm, Connie Wenzel, Debbie Wright, and Melody Struss

Player of the Week

	Offense	Defense
Conrad	Dick Wenzel	Randy Geiger
Chester	Bob Kovatch	Joe Stark
Cascade	Joe Stark	Rick VanDeKop
Simms	Rick Geiger	Gary Arnst
Sunburst	Steve Goff	Gary Casey
Harlem	Steve Goff	Randy Geiger
Fairfield	Rick Geiger	Gary Casey
Big Sandy	Dick Wenzel	Rick Geiger

Ve, the Senior members on the uad of Fighting Panthers, would ke to extend our appreciation to oach VanGorden who has been a eat inspiration on the football eld and a good friend off the eld. All the four years of high hool we have been fortunate ough to have him as our coach. e will never forget the strong ords of encouragement or the aises he issued to each of us. ever once did he quit or give on us when the going got ugh but lost with us and won ith us. To Coach Van we say ank you!"

SWANK ENTERPRISES

Gary
Arnst

Roger
Culleton

Jody
Field

Randy
Geiger

Rick
Geiger

Steve
Goff

Bob
Kovatch

Doug
Powers

Joe
Stark

Dick
Wenzel

COACHES ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM
Gary Arnst, Defensive Guard; Dick Wenzel,
Offensive Center and Defensive Linebacker

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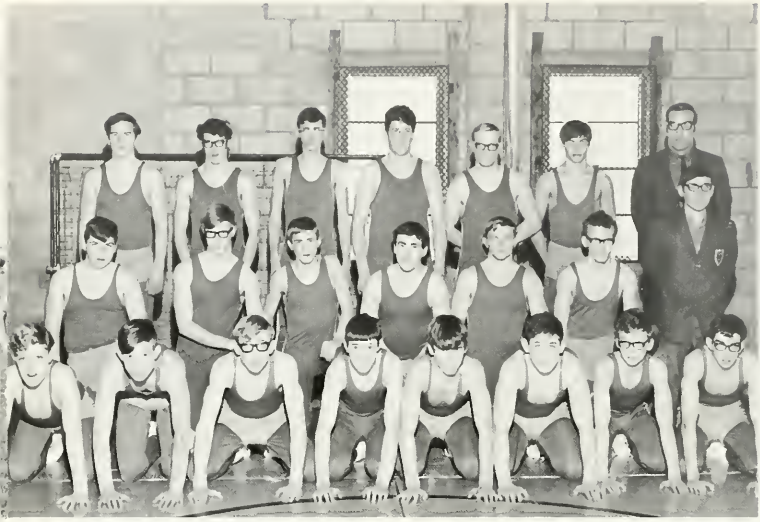

Grappling Matmen Display Determination

Determination, drive, and desire are essential for a good wrestling team. Although the record of seven wins, eight losses, and one tie doesn't indicate a better than average season, the grappling Panthers had nothing to be ashamed of. Throughout the year improvement showed in all of the individuals. The team consisted of seven Seniors, three Juniors, two Sophomores, and eight Freshmen.

FRONT ROW: Left to right: Jack Johnson, Greg Duncan, Curt Aaberge, John Struss, Nolan Barret, Don Yeager, Glen Wunderlich, Tim Widhalm. KNEELING: Don Bilbro, Gary Arnst, Mike Widhalm, Greg Harwood, Len VandenBos, Wayne Dean, Dan Dodge Mgr. STANDING: Chuck King, Jerry Widhalm, Larry Wunderlich, John DenBoer, Terry VandenBos, Jack Whitcomb. Coach Mr. Shulund.

Coach Mr. Rick Shulund

Choteau	18	Valier	36
Conrad	18	Valier	40
Browning	19	Valier	26
Cut Bank	41	Valier	3
Shelby	21	Valier	21
Sunburst	19	Valier	29
Conrad	26	Valier	24
Cut Bank	41	Valier	11
Conrad	21	Valier	29
Fairfield	32	Valier	13
Simms	42	Valier	2
Shelby	9	Valier	41
Simms	30	Valier	13
Fairfield	27	Vlaier	19
Browning	16	Valier	36
Sunburst	29	Valier	21

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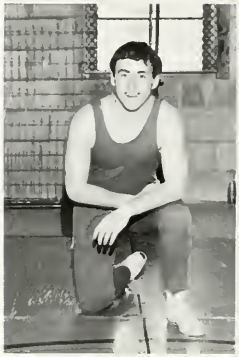
The Big Six in Lake Francis Invitational

Out of the team six individuals placed in the Lake Francis Invitational Tournament. They are from left to right: Mike Widhalm (112) who placed third; Jerry Widhalm (138) who placed second; John DenBoer (HWT) who placed third; Larry Wunderlich (132) who placed third; Tim Widhalm (105) who placed fourth; Glenn Wunderlich (98) who placed fourth.

MOUNTAIN MEADOW GALLOWAYS

Gary Arnst

John DenBoer



Greg Harwood

Terry VandenBos

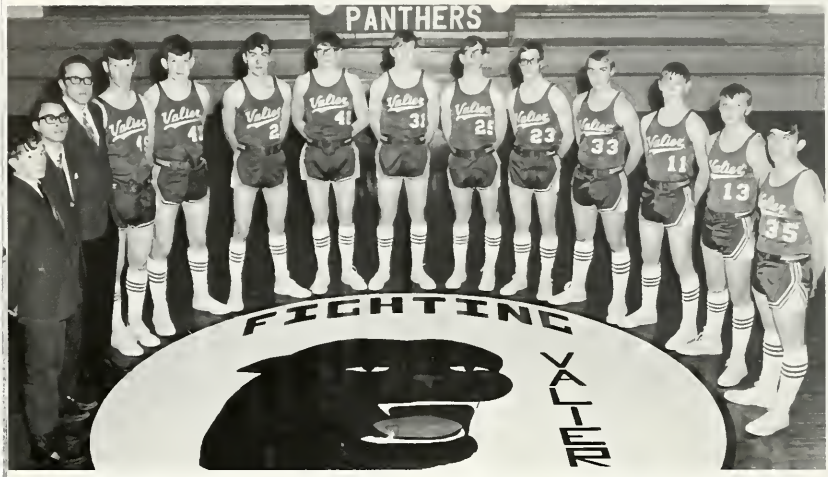
Jerry Widhalm

Mike Widhalm

Larry Wunderlich

BRIDEN'S CHEVROLET GMC

WENTWORTH'S CLOTHING and GUS'S ENCO SERVICE



Manager Guy Bradley, Assistant Coach Mr. Ballantyne, Coach Mr. Knueppel, Roger Culleton, Joe Stark, Gary Casey, Randy Geiger, Rick Geiger, Scott Wright, Jody Field, Bob Kovatch, Kenny Kovatch, Dave Kovatch, Randy Rideout.

Hustle and Harmony Molded Fighting Panthers

"Hustle and Harmony" well described the 1970-71 Basketball Season. The Panthers, called a weird team by the MONTANA SPORTS MAGAZINE, showed a good deal of desire and hard work during the season. Even though rated down in the listings by many, the Fighting Panthers held their ground and didn't let anyone run away with them. Close contests and narrow margins made up the plot of the story as the Panthers prepared for tournament.

After losing the toss, the Panthers met the Shelby Coyotes in the first game and bowed to defeat. The second game broke the six year streak of being defeated at the tournament as this time Eagles bowed to the Panthers.

The Conrad Cowboys, county rivals, eliminated the Panthers from further tournament play. The Panthers came away in fifth place and won the sportsmanship trophy, which was well deserved.

Statistics

Big Sandy	47	Valier	52	Cut Bank	66	Valier	60
Chester	38	Valier	50	Choteau	56	Valier	38
Fairfield	51	Valier	47	Shelby	56	Valier	45
Cut Bank	61	Valier	46	Sunburst	42	Valier	53
Cascade	54	Valier	56	Conrad	48	Valier	45
Choteau	74	Valier	38	Browning	46	Valier	52
Shelby	69	Valier	34	Chester	41	Valier	67
Sunburst	61	Valier	50	Big Sandy	43	Valier	45
Conrad	60	Valier	42	Shelby	75	Valier	61
Browning	70	Valier	62	Fairfield	40	Valier	47
Fairfield	76	Valier	59	Conrad	72	Valier	43

A-Squad Cheerleaders

Part of the team! These four individuals worked real hard all year keeping the spirit up and enthusiasm high. Many hours were spent practicing and preparing the cheers. Part of the team? You Bet!

Top to Bottom: Connie Wenzel, Melody Struss, Debbie Wright, and Kathy Widhalm.

G.T.A.

C-Squad Basketball

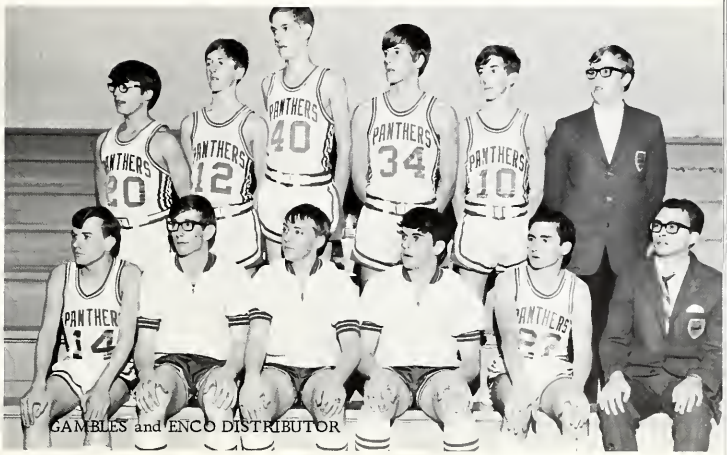
SITTING: Left to Right. Carlos Eubanks, Scott Wright, Dave Kovatch, Randy Rideout, Leonardo Rodriguez, Coach Mr. Ballantyne. STANDING: Ron Moon, Ron Widhalm, Gary Bruce, Ron Sullivan, Tom Widhalm, Mgr. Dave Goff.

3-Squad Cheer leaders

Left to Right. Toni Ann Briden, Deanna Rideout, Leslie Thompson, Kathy Kovatch, Deanna Geiger.

B-Squad Basketball

Left to Right: Mgr. David Goff, Doug VandenBos, Gary Hotvedt, Jim Adamson, Mike Pepion, Mike Hayes, Coach Mr. Ballentyne.



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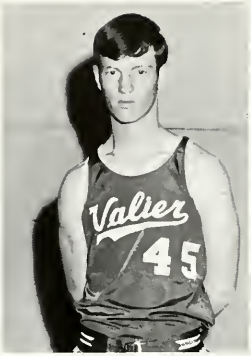

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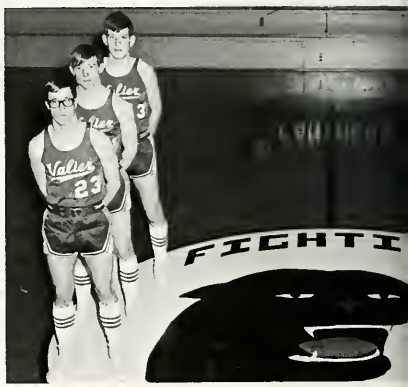

DICK'S GROCERY and TED'S REPAIR SHOP

AABERGE SADDLERY and LOG CABIN SUPERETTE

Left to Right: Sitting: Joan Yeager, Denise Gossard, Nancy Hayne, Robin Sewell, Jacqui Nelson, Melody Struss, Marie Curry, Ros Habets, Marjean Majerus, Nancy Crawford, Donna Myhre. Standing: Coaches, Mr. Sindelar and Mr. Knueppel.

Girls' Basketball Returned

Some of the girls of V.H.S. participated in the girls' basketball team again this year. The girls played teams from surrounding towns and also hosted a tournament at Valier. Although we did not have a winning season, the girls enjoyed playing the game and many of them showed a great deal of potential and fighting spirit. The high spot of the season was the Valier over Conrad win in the tournament.

Senior Melody Struss, Captain

A Dozen and One Involved in Track

A dozen and one hard working individuals gave Valier High School a good representation this year on the track. Although not a record breaking season it was a good one as two individuals advanced to divisional from district and one to state. It was a young team with promises for next year.

KNEELING: Glen Wunderlich, Gary Bruce, Donald Yeager, Randy Rideout, and Mike Hayes. STANDING: Bob Kovatch, Gary Casey, Joe Stark, Kenny Kovatch, Randy Geiger, Guy Bradley, and Jody Field. Not pictured, Doug VandenBos.

Jody Field

Randy Geiger

Robert Kovatch

Joe Stark

Cindergals Showed Class

Eleven girls took part in girls' track this year. There were five Freshmen, three Sophomores, one Junior, and two Seniors. Daily practices improved the team spirit and individual enthusiasm throughout the season. They participated in numerous track meets and became a competitive team.

Individual Statistics

	Cut Bank - 4/15	Sunburst - 4/21	Choteau - 4/29	Brady-Browning - 4/28	Kalispell - 5/1	Valier - 5/8	Conrad - 5/10	District - 5/14	Division - 5/22	State - 5/28,29
Anita Widhalm	3	X	3	1	X	X	3	X	X	X
Georgia Phillips	3 3/4	4 3/4	7	3 3/4	X	X	5	X	X	X
Jacqui Nelson	3	1	1	2 3/4	X	$\frac{1}{4}$	5 3/4	X	X	X
Kathy Widhalm	9 3/4	X	10	11 3/4	6	$9\frac{1}{4}$	11 3/4	9	5	6
Marie Curry	X	X	1	3/4	X	X	1	X	X	X
Marjean Majerus	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	X	X	X
Marlene Amst	X	1 3/4	X	3/4	X	X	3	X	X	X
Maureen Widhalm	6 3/4	6 3/4	9	9 3/4	2	$5\frac{1}{4}$	13	9	10	9
Nancy Hayne	1	3	3	3 3/4	X	X	4 3/4	X	X	X
Toni Briden	1 3/4	2 3/4	6	3 3/4	X	$\frac{1}{4}$	4 3/4	X	X	X
Trudy Hall	3	1	6	1	X	X	15	X	X	X

X denotes nonparticipation

Kathy Widhalm

Trudy Hall

Sitting: Maureen Widhalm, Georgia Phillips, Nancy Hayne, Trudy Hall, Marlene Arnst, and Kathy Widhalm. Standing: Anita Widhalm, Marie Curry, Coach Mr. Knueppel, Jacqui Nelson, and Marjean Majerus. Not pictured, Toni Briden.

Two to Be Proud of

Coach Mr. Knueppel

Maureen Widhalm and Kathy Widhalm with 3rd place team trophy

At District, Kathy placed 2nd in the 100-meter hurdles and 1st in the 80-yard hurdles. Maureen took 2nd in the mile and 1st in the 880-yard run.

Divisional brought Maureen two first places both in the mile and the 880-yard run, while Kathy took 3rd in the 100-meter hurdles and 4th in the 80-yard hurdles.

The State Track Meet was held at Missoula. Maureen took 2nd in the mile run, and she came in first in the 880-yard run with a record breaking time. Kathy captured a 4th place in the 100-meter hurdles and a 2nd in the 80-yard hurdles.

As a team, Valier received the 3rd place trophy at both the Divisional and State Track Meets.

Jody Placed at State Meet

Coach Mr. Ballantyne

Jody Field

Jody placed 4th in the pole vault event at District. At Divisional he qualified for State by also winning 4th place. In Billings, at the State Track Meet, Jody finished with a 5th place in the pole vault.

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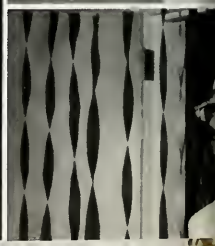

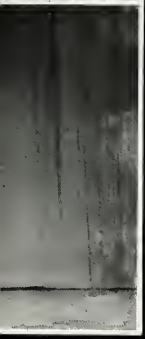

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Diane DeVinney

Dan Dodge

Jean Hayes

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Ellen Gauthier

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Syd Kincaid

Dave Kovatch

Kenn Kovatch

Donna Myhre

Denise Gossard

Jane Hammer

Jayme Nelson

Connie Pepion

Robin Sewell

Marla Slezak

Gaylene Pepion

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Linda Reishus

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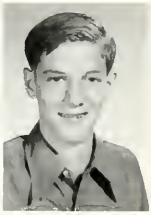

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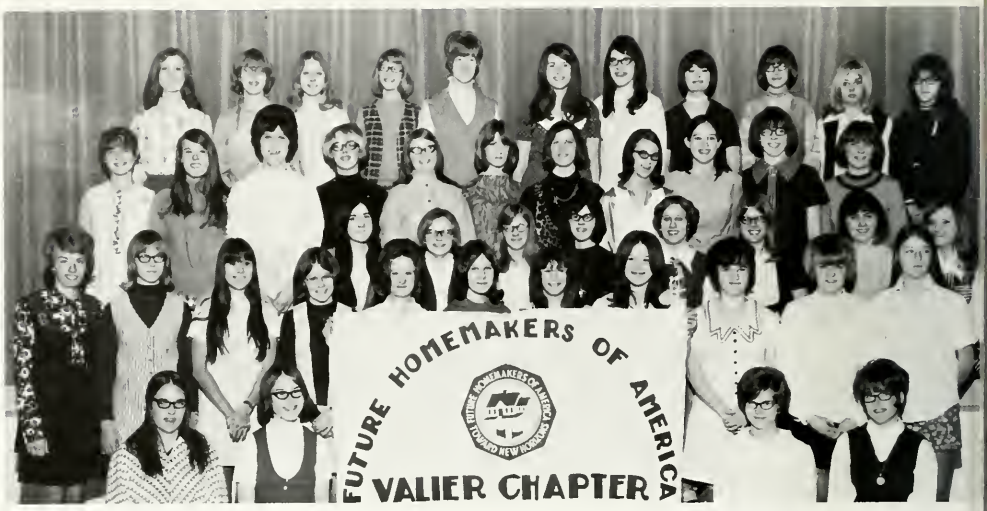


Kneeling: Syd Kincaid, Marjean Majerus, Sue Peterson, and Deanna Geiger. 2nd Row: Sponsor, Mrs. Bruner, Toni Briden, Gloria Pepion, Jean Hayes, Roberta Keeler, Nancy Crawford, Ros Habets, Ellen Gauthier, Deanna Rideout, Kathy Kovatch, and Connie Pepion. 3rd Row: Officers, Trudy Hall; President, Valerie Hale; Vice President, Donna Myhre; Secretary, Marla Slezak; Treasurer, Diane VanGorden; Reporter, Anita Geiger; Historian, Carolyn Harwood; Song Leader, Judy Hale; Parliamentarian. 4th Row: Candy Hayne, Helen Stephen, Marie Adamson, Jayme Nelson, Denise Gossard, Nancy Hayne, Leslie Thompson, Susan Russell, Anita Miller, Madelyn Olson, and Marie Curry. 5th Row: Melody Struss, Jacqui Nelson, Melodee Johnson, Lori Stoltz, Jill Geiger, Susan Struss, Joan Yeager, Velda Lund, Jeanie Geiger, Margaret Lamma, and Janet Parr.

FHA Participated in Various Activities

The F.H.A.'s activities started this year with the girls working at football games in the concession stand. Along with th during the season, several members dressed as clowns for the Homecoming parade, and that night the F.H.A. put on th Homecoming Dance.

District Convention was held in Chester this year as the District President was from there. Soon after convention, the girls got trucks and hauled wood for the hayride which was held at Rock City. The Homemakers also sponsored a mock election for the whole student body.

"Santa's Workshop", the theme for the Christmas formal, was sponsored by the F.H.A. and V-Club. While in the Christmas spirit, the organization made tray favors for the hospital. Mrs. Myrna Briden was invited to demonstrate different arrangements for centerpieces.

During the year, the F.H.A. served both the G.T.A. and Community Club dinners. Miss Debbie Sherman added entertainment when she came and spoke to the organization about her exchang trip to Equador.

Throughout the year, the Sophomore members worked on their learning degrees. At the end of the year our chapter sent four delegates to State Convention in Great Falls.

The last event that the F.H.A. presented was the Senior Tea an Style Show. During the evening, the Senior girls were honored a they were departing friends.

V-Club Assisted FHA

As did many of the organizations this school year, the V-Club did a revamp on their constitution. In keeping with the custom, they teamed with the F.H.A. to put on the Christmas formal, "Santa's Workshop". The big thing for the V-Club was the completion of the payment of the renouned purple blazers. This was done with the proceeds from a turkey raffle and the faculty game.

Left to Right, Front Row: Gary Casey, Treasurer; Dick Wenzel, President; and Joe Stark, Vice-President. 2nd Row: Jerry Widhalm, Greg Harwood, Lenny VandenBos, and Jody Field. 3rd Row: Roger Culleton, Steve Goff, Doug Powers, and Randy Geiger. 4th Row: Gary Arnst, Randy Whitcomb, Jack Whitcomb, and Bob Kovatch. 5th Row: Rick Geiger, Dave Kovatch, Randy Rideout, and Rick VanDeKop. Back Row: Gary Widhalm, Guy Bradley, Terry VandenBos, and Mike Widhalm. Standing: Coaches: Mr. VanGorden, Mr. Shulund, Mr. Knueppel, and Mr. Ballantyne.

Honor Society Presented Talent

Working under the concept of being a service organization, the Valier Chapter of the National Honor Society did just that. First on the agenda was the organization of the Reubella Clinic. Next came the Christmas caroling, and finally a successful annual talent show. As usual, the proceeds from the talent show were sent to the Boulder River School. This ended the year for the "Brainy Bunch".

Left to Right, Sitting: Donna Myhre, Vice-President; Kathy Widhalm, Secretary; Sponsor, Mr. Sindelar; Joe Stark, President; Debbie Wright, Treasurer. Standing: Jane Hammer, Karen Rappold, Robin Adams, Bob Kovatch, Tim Widhalm, and Diane VanGorden.

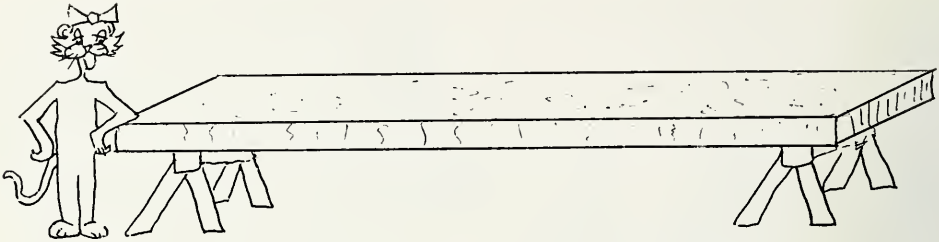
THE MONTANA POWER COMPANY and DURNELL'S MERCANTILE

Left to Right, Sitting: Anita Widhalm, Freshmen Representative; Deanna Geiger, Sophomore Representative; Jayme Nelson, Junior Representative; Mr. VanGorden, Sponsor; Carolyn Harwood, Secretary-Treasurer; Rick Geiger, Senior Representative; Lenny VandenBos, Vice-President; Randy Aiken, Freshmen Representative. Standing: Bob Kovatch, President.

Student Council Worked Toward Student Involvement

An active Student Council is one of the keys to better student involvement. This year the Student Council came a long way toward being the "Student's Council". New ideas and a new concept in study halls was tried and found to be relatively successful. Highlights for the Council were the Basket Social, promotion of Student Lounge, managing of the candy machine, an assembly showing the results of smoking, the Panther welcome sign, the Computer Dance, a new constitution governing the actions of the student body, and an enforcement of the rules set by the Council.

Girls Learn Skills and Techniques



The Girls' I. A. Club was a newly formed organization. It consisted of seven members who also are members of the Girls I. A. class. This year the girls sold candy to sponsor a trip to Havre, which included a tour of Northern Montana College. The Club also helped paint the bleachers on the football field.

Left to Right: Mr. Bogut; Sponsor, Denise Gossard; Vice-President, Alethea Bruner; Parliamentarian, Melody Johnson, Roxanna DenBoer; Treasurer, Marie Adamson, Karen Rappold; President, Trudy Hall; Secretary.

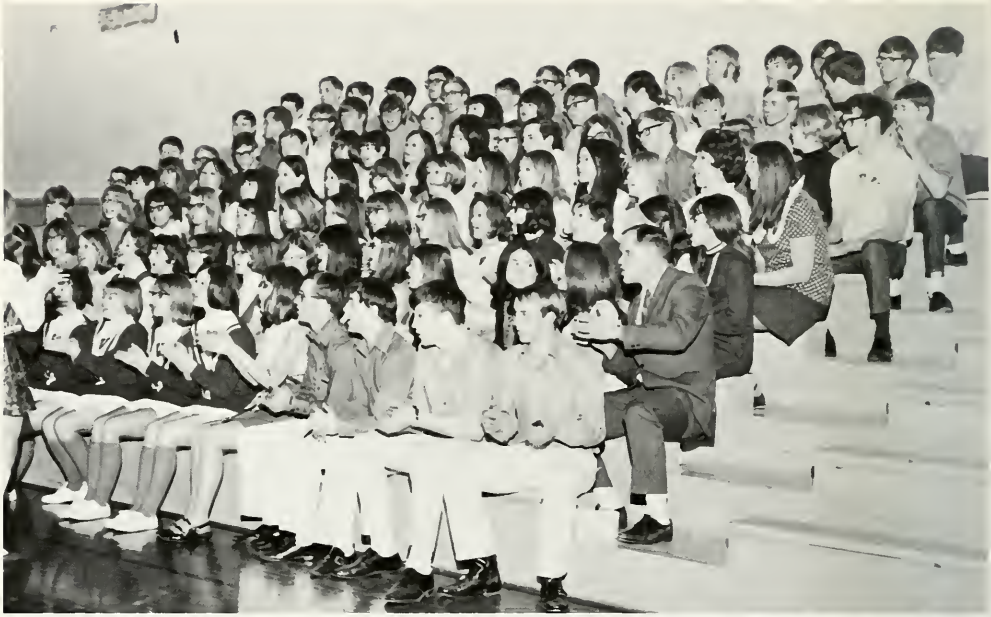
I.A. Boys Were Constructive

Front Row: Jerry Widhalm, Dave Kovatch, Tim Widhalm, Joe Stark, Sponsor; Mr. Bogut. 2nd Row: Glen Wunderlich, Bill LaBell, Mike Widhalm, Gary Widhalm, and Don Yeager. 3rd Row: Randy Rideout, Robbie VandenBos, Gary Bruce, Kenny Kovatch, Larry Wunderlich, and Mike Hayes. 4th Row: Dave Goff, Ron Widhalm, Gary Arnst, Gary Hammer, Greg Harwood, and Tom Widhalm. 5th Row: John Speer, Rick Geiger, Roger Culleton, Jim Adamson, and Terry VandenBos.

The I.A. Club got off to a slow start this year, but it slowly grew and turned out some very fine projects.

The first meeting was spent revising the constitution. Election results were: Jerry Widhalm, President; Dave Kovatch, Vice-President; Joe Stark, Treasurer; and Tim Widhalm, Secretary.

This group helped build the badly needed bleachers that are now found on the football field. Also boot racks were built and placed in the entry ways of the school. In addition, they built pews and remodeled the balcony for the Valier Lutheran Church.



Pep Club Promoted Panther Spirit

This year, out of 138 students comprising Valier High School, 103 were enrolled in the Pep Club.

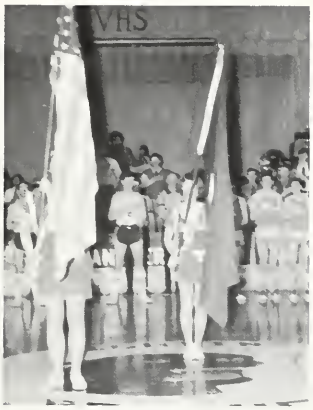
The officers for this year were: Rhonda Barron, President; Jody Field, Vice-President; Joe Stark, Treasurer; and Greg Harwood, Secretary. Under the supervision of Mr. Hodgson, Sponsor, a pep bus was taken to every out of town game except for one. To earn money for these trips, the Pep Club sold concessions at the home football and basketball games, track meets, and during noon hour in school.

Although many times the Pep Club didn't receive due recognition, everyone worked hard and deserves a big hand for their efforts!

VHS Served by Panther Paws

The Panther Paws, a service organization, was very active this year. Flags were presented at football and basketball games, ropes were held at intermissions. They also ushered and handed out programs at various functions.

All but the Senior Panther Paws, including newly elected members, ushered at graduation.



Left to Right: Jane Durnell, President; Georgia Phillips, Secretary; Anita Geiger, Diane VanGorden, Kathy Widhalm, Maureen Widhalm, Miss Stephenson, Sponsor; Roberta Keeler, Helen Stephen, Marla Slezak, Nancy Hayne, Marie Adamson, and Donna Myhre, Vice President.

BOB and JOAN LAYNE of the WILLOW ROUNDS

Students Involved With Books

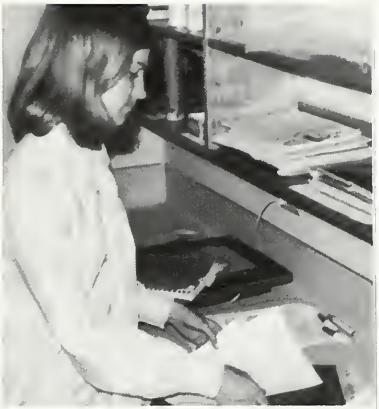
Left to Right: Mike Widhalm, Larry Wunderlich, Roxanna DenBoer, Sheila Allen, Trudy Hall, Melody Johnson, Debbie Wright, Sponsor; Mrs. Lohse, Jane Durnell, Karen Rappold, Susan Struss, Lenny VandenBos, Marie Adamson, John DenBoer, and Robin Adams.

The Valier High School Library is open the entire school day with a staff of fourteen Juniors and Seniors. The officers are President, Debbie Wright; Vice-President, Karen Rappold; Secretary, Sheila Allen; and Treasurer, Susan Struss.

This year a revolving paper back rack was added, a bin for the one hundred and fifteen records, a record player and earphones, four tape recorders, two overheads, a 16 mm. film projector, a slide projector, a film strip projector, and a video tape. The records are of all kinds: shorthand, languages, literature, history, grammar, classical and popular music.

Every year the staff has a field trip to visit other libraries and interesting places. They earn the money for the trip themselves. Last year, they sold paper backs and this year, held an Everything Sale. The staff made a return trip to Lethbridge to visit the college library, art museums, and the T.V. station.

The Panther, the school paper, was published every two weeks. It contained various articles of happenings in and around the school. Distribution of the paper was a total of 180 issues. There were sixteen students involved on the staff, with Miss Stephenson as the advisor. Some issues were sent to neighboring schools in the district.



Panther Published Under Pressure

Sitting: Colette Briden, Rick Geiger, Helen Stephen, Sponsor; Miss Stephenson, Nancy Hayne, Joe Stark and Kathy Widhalm. Standing: Bob Kovatch, Susan Russell, Debbie Wright, Diane VanGorden, Jane Durnell, Joan Yeager, Susan Struss, Carolyn Harwood, Denise Gossard, Karen Rappold, Jean Hayes, and Greg Harwood

Left to Right: First Row: Connie Wenzel, Nancy Crawford, Diane VanGorden, Larry Wunderlich, Trudy Speer, Leslie Stoltz, Melodee Johnson, Kathy Kovatch, and Sanda Stark. Second Row: Marjean Majerus, Madelyn Olson, Leslie Thompson, Ron Sullivan, Jody Field, David Olson, Marie Curry, Clay McAlpine, Bert Geiger, David Goff, Doug VandenBos, Don Yeager, Glen Wunderlich, Kenny Kovatch, and Marlene Arnst. Third Row: Carmen Boucher, Dorothy Barron, Jill Geiger, Jane Getts, Donna Myhre, Rhonda Barron, Greg Harwood, John Bruce, Mike Hayes, and Jacqui Nelson. Standing: Jean Hayes, Joan Yeager, Jack Johnson, Jim Adamson, Bob Kovatch, Dave Kovatch, and Mr. Bertsch, Instructor.

Music Appreciated

The Valier High School Music Department consisted of three main groups this year, the Band, Chorus, and Wanderers. Throughout the year, performances were given by all three groups.

The Fall Concert was dominated by the band, and the Wanderers also sang. The chorus performed in the Christmas program, rather than putting on a Christmas Concert. Both the band and chorus participated in the concert held in the Spring. The Wanderers sang for several different functions, including entertainment for two dinners in Conrad, the Community Club Dinner in Valier, and the Honor Society's annual Talent Show.

Instructor, Mr. Bertsch and Pianist, Toni Broden. 1st Row: Deanna Geiger, Roberta Keeler, Denise Gossard, Carolyn Harwood, Judy Hale, and Janet Parr. 2nd Row: Valerie Hale, Jean Hayes, Bonnie DenBoer, Joan Yeager, Julie Pepion, Helen Stephen, and Kathy Widhalm. 3rd Row: Karen Rappold, Linda Reishus, Susan Struss, Marie Adamson, Sheila Allen, Jane Durnell, and Debbie Wright.

Songs Were Sung for the Pleasure of All

Left to Right: Jody Field, Jane Durnell, Sheila Allen, Roberta Keeler, Debbie Wright, Denise Gossard, Bob Kovatch, Kathy Widhalm, Greg Harwood, and Randy Rideout.

Musicians Rated Excellent and Good

Triple Trio

Clarinet Quintet

Clarinet Soloists, Connie Wenzel and Nancy Crawford

Director, Mr. Johnson

Brass Sextet

Baritone Soloist, Greg Harwood and Accompanist, Mrs. Johnson

Wanderers Whipped Up Entertainment

The Wanderers Special Show starred several groups from Valier High School. Participants were Roberta Keeler, the Stage Band, Rhonda Barron and Carolyn Harwood, the CaValiers, the Jazz Quartet, the M K G Brass, and of course, the Wanderers. Proceeds of the show will be used by the Music Department for additional music equipment.

Soloist,
Roberta Keeler

The Wanderers

The Stage Band

Duet, Carolyn Harwood and Rhonda Barron

Froggy and Mollie Mouse

The M K G Brass

Proud to Be a CaValier

Left to Right: Jill Geiger, Robin Adams, Anita Geiger, Carolyn Harwood, Madelyn Olson, Jane Hammer, Syd Kincaid, Marlene Arnst, Lori Stoltz, Jeannie Geiger, and Diane VanGorden.

The CaValiers prove that hard work does pay. How proud to be a member of the team that marched at the Calgary Stampede, District and Divisional tournaments and was a 1st place trophy winner at the Valier meet. The early morning practices and the tired feet all culminate in a snappy precision routine performed by the girls that Valier can be proud to call "their team."

Barbara Knueppel
Director

Captain, Senior Robin Adams

Director, Mrs. Knueppel

BOB KINCAID CONOCO OIL
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and
STUDIO OF ROY L. DERR

Cavaliers
VALIER, MONTANA
HOME OF THE FIGHTING PANTHERS

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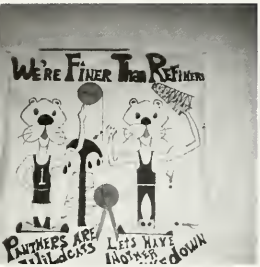
ACTIVITIES

Purple-White Day



Faculty Game

Rock City Rockchucks

Top Intramural Basketball Teams

Out of six boy's teams, the two that came out on top were the Rock City Rockchucks and the Francis Heights Gang, taking first and second respectively.

Four girl's teams battled it out for top place. Winners were the Amazons, taking first place, and the Whiffle Whompers taking second.

Francis Heights Gang

Amazons

Whiffle Whompers

"Horray for Adam Spelvin: He Is Perfect"

Adam Spelvin
Grace Spelvin
George Spelvin
Cynthia Craddock
Florence Craddock
Fat Phyllis
Greg Harwood
Diane VanGorden
Joe Stark
Nancy Crawford
Trudy Hall
Jacqui Nelson

Make-Up, Stage Crew, and Directors

Standing: Mrs. Lohse, Makeup; Mr. Springer, Director; and Miss Stephenson, Director.
Sitting: Stage Crew; David Goff, Rick Geiger, John DenBoer, Roger Culleton, and Jim Adamson.

"The Other Other Woman"

Phil
Norman
Florence
Nell
Agnes
Rosalind
Grace
Celeste
The Other Woman
Gary Hammer
Bob Kovatch
Marie Curry
Gaylene Pepion
Deanna Geiger
Carolyn Harwood
Robin Adams
Judy Hale
Jayme Nelson

Seniors Reigned at "Santa's Workshop"

King Randy Geiger and Queen Debbie Wright, Senior Candidates.

The theme for the 1970 Christmas Formal was "Santa's Workship." The F.H.A. and V-Club sponsored the formal. Santa was on hand to crown the king and queen. Seniors, Randy Geiger and Debbie Wright, were crowned royalty for the night.

Ellen Gauthier and Kenny Kovatch, Junior Candidates.

Brett Briden and Leslie Thompson, Sophomore Candidates.

Jacqui Nelson and Jim Adamson, Freshmen Candidates.

Boy's State

Joe Stark

and

Bob Kovatch

Girl's State

Kathy Widhalm

and

Helen Stephen

Junior Miss

Helen Stephen
Melody Struss
Roberta Keeler, First Runner-up for 1971 Pondera County Junior Miss

Office Assistant

Ellen Gauthier
Roberta Keeler
Melodee Johnson
Anita Geiger
Jody Field
Joe Stark

"Those Were the Days"—Senior Tea and Style Show

Outstanding F.H.A.'ers, Anita Geiger and Marla Slezak

Students Received Recognition for

Awards Night was set aside for the distributing of awards to deserving students. These individuals worked throughout the year in various activities and organizations and received recognition for their efforts and achievements. Other special awards were also given to students for their outstanding performances concerned with school curriculum and community involvement.

Mike Widhalm, High Point Wrestler

Randy Geiger, "Mr. Hustle"

Kenny Kovatch, Community Club Free Throw Award

Helen Stephen, Journalism Silver Key

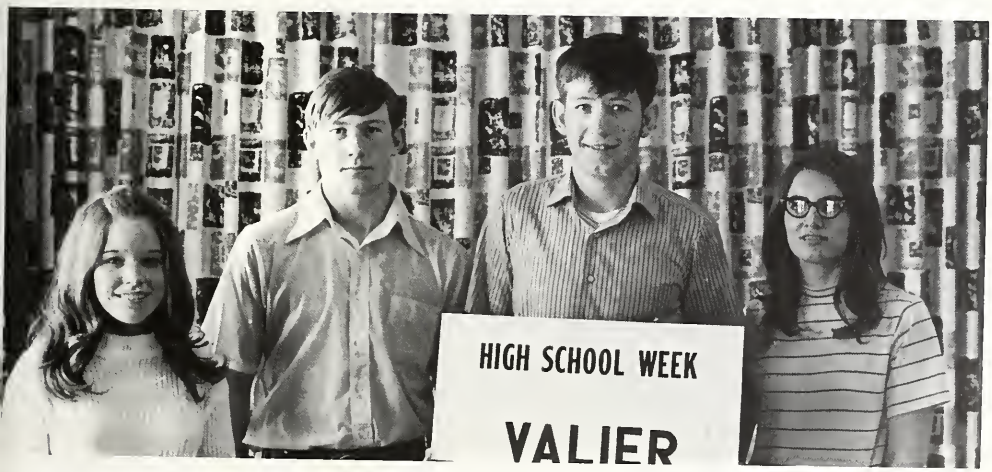
Roberta Keeler, Outstanding Homemaker Award and Robin Adams, Betty Crocker Award

Their Efforts and Achievements

Outstanding Musicians: Greg Harwood, Connie Wenzel, Marlene Arnst, Glen Wunderlich, and Roberta Keeler.

Greg Harwood, John Philip Sousa Award

Every year at Awards Night, a group of students are picked by the faculty for the Heisey Awards. These are scholarships of $50.00 received by each student after graduation. The award is judged by the individual's improvement in citizenship, scholarship, and effort. The students who received Heiseys this year were, Back Row: John DenBoer, Roger Culleton, and Joe Stark. Front Row: Greg Harwood, Melody Struss, Helen Stephen, and Kathy Widhalm.



Several students are picked each year to attend High School Week at Montana State University. The students who attended the session this year were: Ellen Gauthier, Rick Geiger, Joe Stark, and Sheila Allen.

The Death and Life of Larry Benson

Jessie Benson
Susan
Mary Ellen
Freda Benson
Grace Wilkey
Mrs. Potter
Mr. Potter
Sam Benson
Mrs. Fitch
Nettie Clark
Melvin Clark
The Boy
Bud Merkel
Gregory

Debbie Wright
Helen Stephen
Kathy Widhalm
Sheila Allen
Melody Struss
Susan Struss
Gary Hammer
Joe Stark
Karen Rappold
Robin Adams
Roger Culleton
Greg Harwood
Jody Field
Mike Widhalm

Director, Miss Stephenson

Director, Mr. Springer

Let the Sun Shine in

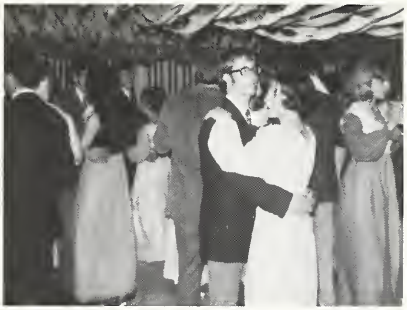
Dick Wenzel and Sheila Allen, Junior Candidates

Queen Sheila Allen and King Greg Harwood

Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Ballantyne and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson

Larry Wunderlich and Melody Struss, Sophomore Candidates

Greg Harwood and Kathy Widhalm, Freshman Candidates



Seniors Skipped Off

to Flathead

"What is a Senior?"

Mr. Ballantyne served as master of ceremonies for the 1971 Senior Banquet, which was served by the Junior Class. An inspirational talk on "What is a Senior?" was given by Mr. Nelson, the guest speaker. All activities throughout the evening, including entertainment by members of the Senior Class, made an enjoyable and memorable occasion for all.

Mr. Ballantyne

Mr. Nelson

Future Plans Rely on God's Help

The Sunday before graduation, Baccalaureate is always held for the graduating class to express their need of God's help in the future. This year Baptist Reverend Jerry Gray delivered a sermon for the Seniors to think on while Mrs. Stan Johnson and Mrs. John Holden provided the music. Methodist Reverend Elmer L. Robison gave the invocation and benediction.

Mrs. Stan Johnson and Mrs. John Holden

Rev. Jerry Gray and Rev. Elmer Robison

"We've Only Just Begun"

On May 24, 1971, the community once again witnessed the most important event of the school year, this being graduation. The Senior Class chose "We've Only Just Begun" as their motto. Their colors were Sky Blue and Silver and the flower was the carnation. The warm and calm spring evening provided a good setting on the football field as the Seniors prepared themselves for the big step forward.

In a concise and well-spoken manner, Dr. Nancy Shubat, a clinical psychologist from Great Falls, outlined the Seniors' ladders of success and accomplishment. Valedictorian, Robin Adams and Salutatorian, Joe Stark gave their addresses on certain topics they felt should be emphasized. After the awarding of diplomas, several awards and scholarships were presented to outstanding individuals, and Reverend James Holmlund gave the invocation and benediction for the evening.

Following the commencement services, an all-night party was given by the Senior parents. The party consisted of a dance, refreshments, a movie, and swimming. It all ended with the long-awaited breakfast put on by the Odd Fellows at 5:00 a.m.

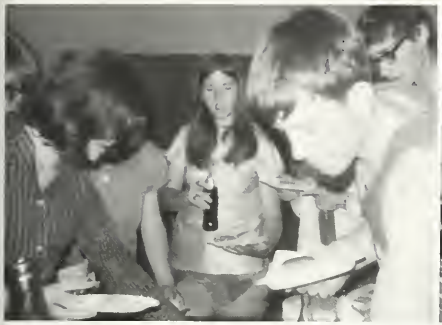
Dr. Nancy Shubat

Robin Adams,
Valedictorian

Joe Stark,
Salutatorian

Karen Rappold, I Dare You; Greg Harwood, V.E.A. Scholarship; Bob Kovatch, I Dare You

Last Night—All Night



Senior Crowned Homecoming Queen

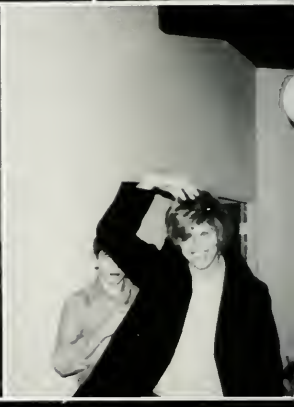
A Homecoming wouldn't be complete without having the hard time of choosing the queen, and and this year was no exception. From the candidates: Freshman, Gloria Pepion; Sophomores, Deanna Geiger; Juniors, Gaylene Pepion; and Seniors, Helen Stephen; the Senior candidate, Helen Stephen, won the title of Homecoming Queen and was crowned by Jody Field and Roger Culleton.

Sophomores Were Triumphant

The floats, a big part in the pageantry of Homecoming, stole the show in the parade. "Victory is our Porpoise", a novel idea by the Sophomores, took first place while the Juniors and Seniors tied for second and Freshmen received fourth.

Pride Was Not Lost

With the kickoff at 1:30 P.M. the most important part of Homecoming commenced. The excitement and tension all week became vivid on the gridiron. Being a defensive ball game, the only score came in the second quarter when the Cascade Badgers managed about a 15 yard field goal. Disappointment was evident but pride was not lost as the gun sounded, naming the Badgers as victors in a game riddled by mistakes.



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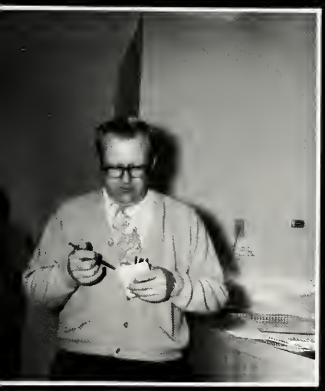
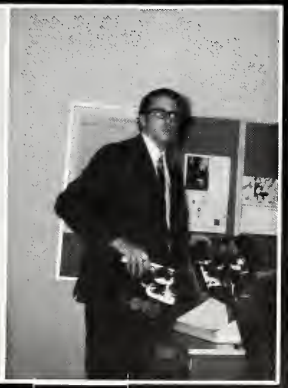




Mr. Robett Sindelar
Superintendent

Mr. Norman Ballantyne
English-History

Mr. Jerry Bertsch
Music

Educators . . .

Planning

Mr. Don Bogut
Industrial Arts

Mrs. Barbara Bruner
Home Economics

Mr. Stanley Johnson
Music

Mr. Larry Hodgson
Math-Science

Mr. Charles VanGorden
Principal-Science

Mr. Paul Knueppel
Social Science-P.E.

Mrs. Constance Lohse
Library

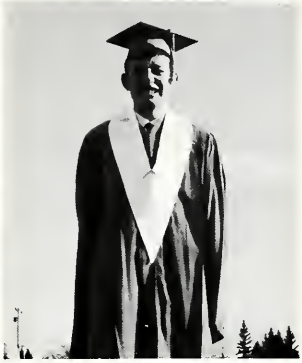
Tomorrow, Today

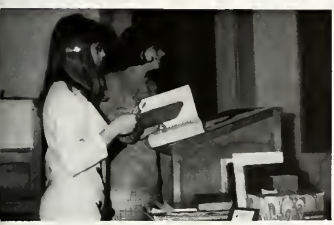
Mr. Rick Shulund
Math-Science

Mr. Dick Sirockmen
Math

Mrs. Rachel VanGorden
Business

Miss Judy Stephenson
English





Additional Staff Members

Mrs. Lola Geiger,
Clerk

Mrs. Carol DeBoo,
Secretary

Mrs. Sharon Briden,
Secretary

Mr. Carl Orr,
Custodian

Mrs. Carlene VanDeKop,
Asst. Custodian

Mr. George Pon,
Student Teacher

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Valier Laundromat

Cargill Elevator

The Spray

Gene's Cafe

Park Motel

Rocky Mountain Motors

Hammer Plumbing & Heating

Valier Hotel & Beauty Salon

Valier Upholstery

Palin's Car Wash